

Support for H.448



Burlington's Thermal Energy Charter Change

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- **Clear mandate - will of the voters:**
 - **8,931 yes (64.5%), 4,910 no (35.5%)**
- **Another key tool for climate progress in the midst of a climate crisis**
- **Public health, social, environmental benefits of cleaner buildings - a social cost to carbon**
- **Buildings are key to meeting Net Zero by 2030 targets:**
 - **According to the Net Zero Energy Roadmap, buildings represent 74% of BTV's energy use**



- **A modest step forward with checks built in**
 - **Any carbon fee designed by future ordinance must be approved by majority of BTV voters**
 - **Passed alongside climate justice advisory ballot item (75% to 25%)**
 - **City, to date, has exemplified thoughtful policymaking process and public engagement**